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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Matthew Haney

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date Z.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ratz (US 5,982,420). Ratz teaches of a surveillance system comprising a camera unit for transforming an image into an image signal and outputting said image signal and a display unit having a screen and operative to transform into an image said image signal outputted by said camera unit to display said image on said screen (Note: camera system generates a composite video signal containing image signals and has a display device, Column 1, Lines 66-67, Column 2, Lines 1-3); camera unit being operative to automatically chase an object as a chasing target to have said display unit display said object as said chasing target and a display unit including marker displaying means for displaying a marker on said screen and chasing target determining means for determining said object spaced apart from said marker at a predetermined distance as said chasing target among said images displayed on said screen (Note: camera system including an automatic tracking device; a reference box for confining and locating the

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information defining the preselected portion as it is being viewed on the display, Column 2, Lines 4-14); marker is constituted by a pointer and said chasing object target determining means is operative to determine said object superimposed by pointer (Column 2, Lines 15-18); a joystick operative to output position signals and signal controlling means for receiving signals outputted by joystick to control camera and joystick having ability to control two states and setting means for setting states (Column 12, Lines 32-43); marker forms a plurality of screen areas on said screen and said chasing target determining means is operative to determine said object positioned within one predetermined screen area on said screen (Column 13, Lines 28-35); marker displaying means is superimposed with object (Note: white lines on display screen along with rectangular box (i.e. marker), Column 12, Lines 4-17); chasing target determining means is operative to determine only one object as said chasing target to automatically be chased when said object is displayed on said screen (Column 12, Lines 15-18), marker is made up of vertical and horizontal lines to form a plurality of areas (Note: crosshair defined by vertical and horizontal lines, running the length of the screen, Column 11, Lines 58-63, Column 12, Lines 4-14).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Loveland (US 6,437,819 B1) is seen to be a relevant reference and reads on most of the claims contained within the application. Kageyama (US 5,552,823) teaches of an ability to track an object and display with mention of a joystick

for control purposes. Monroe (US 6,392,692 B1) teaches of a tracking and surveillance system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew Haney whose telephone number is 703-305-4915. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (7-4:30), Every Other Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on 703-305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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